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CLARENCE H. WATROUS,
FIELD ORNITHOLOGIST
AND
Oologist and Nidiologist.
Correspondence desired in the study of
Our Birds, their Nests and Eggs.

Chester, Connecticut, Sept 28th 1894

Mr William Brewster

Dear Sir

I met you at John N Clarks of Saybrook last summer. we had quite a question over the Wormeating Warbler. He has been up and collected two sets that I found. He was quite surprised in the situation of nests and size of eggs. I have three more sets 2/4 + 1/5. also 14 sets of Lou Water Thrush 6/4 + 8/4. Prairie Warbler 2/5. 3/4 2/3 Chestnutsided 1/5. 4/4 3/3. Black + White Warbler 1/5. 1/4 1/3. I wish to dispose of these Clark seem to think you would like the Water Thrushes they are a handsome series. I have all the nests and surroundings of all the sets do you see for the lot and what you will be willing to give and oblige

Hastily Yours Truly

Clarence H. Watrous

Clarence H. Watrous

Sept. 28 - 1894.

Chester Conn Dec 12th 1897

Mr William Brewster
Cambridge Mass.

Dear Sir Yours of Dec 10th at hand. thinking You did not care for the Warbler I have exchanged and sold them all except the Black throated G Warbler.
I am very sorry now as I did not get only 1/3 rates the Parties whom I let have them said it was the finest collection He ever unpacked.
I would like to collect Wormeating Warbler nests & eggs for You the coming spring and others if You wish. Clark came over one day and collected two sets I found. He says there is no mistake about them. He went home and found one of five eggs the next day. The Black throated Green is certainly remarkable build close on the ground among ferns and so nearly concealed from view. found it while looking for Wormeater would not believed it Myself had I not shot the bird from the nest there is no mistake about it

If this set is valuable to Your collection
I will send (the bird nest + eggs 1/4) to You
and You may send me some set or pay me some
time when I come to Cambridge to see Your coll-
ection. the skin is not in very good condition.
I have 1/2 doz skins of Ruffed Grouse for sale or exchange
they are first class I think.

Hastily Yours
Clarence H. Chutous

Clarence H. Watrouse.
Dec. 12 - 1894.

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Chester, Connecticut, Dec 17th 1894 1894

Mr William Brewster
Cambridge Mass
Dear Sir

I will be willing to collect sets for You at one-half rates with nests at price per egg if I take pains in collecting + preserving the nests. otherwise I had rather exchange. I will be most likely to get sets of Connecticut. B + White. Chestnut sided. Prairie + Pine Warbler. Ovenbird + Water Thrushes. Maryland Yellow throats. Sharpshinned. Marsh. R Shouldered R Tailed + Coopers Hawk. Marsh Wrens 100 sets. and many others. will send You my complete list of seasons collecting and You may select what You want at ½ rates. The set of Black throated Green is the only set * ever found and is the only one I have in my collection. to You with the skins of the Grouse They are fairly good and are not past redemption. and will I send them with the Black Throated Green now or wait untill later

Hastily Yours

Clarence H. Watrous

Clarence H. Watson.
Dec. 17 - 1894.

Chester Conn Dec 20th

Mr William Brewster

Dear Sir

I send to day a hasty package containing six skins of Grouse. nest & eggs and skin of Black-throated Green Warbler. But I am a little afraid the Grouse will not suit You I find it hard to obtain the Grouse in good condition.
If they are not exactly what You want dont keep them You will do a favor to send them to Frank H Lattin Albion N. Y. and I will send the express money. If You keep them You may send me skins. eggs or such in return whatever they are worth to You I will be satisfied

Yours Truly
Clarence H Watrous

Clarence H. Watrous
Dec. 20 - 1894.

Chester Conn Dec 25th 94

Mr William Brewster
Cambridge Mass
Dear Sir

Your letter of the 23rd at hand I wish to tell You I am only a beginer in makeing skins and I have only made less then forty skins but I can make a first class skins and I intend to make some later and will give You first chance I desire to get skins of the Hummers and also Hummers from the Tropics or any of the finer plumaged birds but please dont send me full rates for the grouse one half rates will be a good price for them I will be better satisfied. I will leave the selection with You I am sure I will be pleased. in regard to the B throated Green I thought like this. that it would be more valuable to You then to Me and as You have ~~the largest~~

collection you are entitled to them [illegible] you
[illegible] [illegible] not acknowledge them
in other words I [illegible] given you the [illegible] of
a thousand pounds if you will [illegible]
I also thought you would write up some
thing about the [illegible] trial and I have
[illegible] all I have said about it and if
you will send me a copy of the [illegible]
will be greatly obliged

Yours
Edward [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] those I [illegible] a
[illegible] I [illegible] to [illegible]
I will be pleased to [illegible] for you [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] willing will [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible]

Watrous— Clarence H.

Dec. 25, 1894,

[illegible] Jan 4. 75

Mr William Brewster

Dear Sir

Your note of Dec 24 at hand also [illegible] note for the eggs thanks
I confess I am very sorry to learn I cannot collect for you the coming spring. I do not think I can afford [illegible] I thought if I got my expenses paid you would be doing well by me and I would collect for you the same as if I were collecting for myself. and I would not feel sore that if I did not get eggs enough to pay you I think more of collecting for William Brewster than otherwise also for the privilege of collecting a large variety of nests. If the locality is in New England I would go on my Bicycle and send on my things: if you will send me anyplace in America I would not think of asking you to pay any fare or any expenses until I have sent you a fine lot of eggs. all expenses will be as light as possible. if you would rather buy the eggs that I collected I would [illegible]

I have been planning to go here with the best of my collection to get a little money. [illegible] care to go [illegible]. I was pleased: your place was [illegible] a few weeks ago but could not except [illegible] thinking of going off collecting however You are under no obligations to me but will feel very bad if I don't go. Please let me know just what you think about it

Yours Truly
C. H. Palmer

P.S.

I questioned the set of Virginia Rail 1/ myself when I found it. thinking it might be one of the same Rails I showed them to J. H. Clark before they were blown. He said there was no [illegible] doubt them. what is your objection to them. I don't care for the data I have all the notes and will be pleased to receive it if you don't care for it. I have a very good set of [illegible] in the [illegible] but I forgot to mark it. will send it to you if you wish. many of the [illegible] here as you may have [illegible] to the [illegible] some time but thought they were [illegible] coming that you [illegible]. The Eggs were taken in Monmouth & Suffolk Counties New Jersey

Watrous - C. H.
Jan. 2, 1895.

Chester S.C. Febr 6. 75

Mr. William Brewster
Cambridge Mass
Dear Sir

The Hummers received O.K. thanks. I suppose it is difficult to make good skins of Hummers. I am very much pleased with them. are they any birds here you especially desire that I can collect for you this spring. Yours

Chesem R. Dubose

Watrous - Clarence H.
Feb. 6 1895,

Chester Conn Feb 22 18

Mr William Brewster,
Cambridge Mass

Dear Sir

I wish you would let me know in regard to the nests how you want them collected that is do you want a part of the bush or limb on which the nest is placed and which is the best way of wrapping them and oblige

Clarence H. Watrous

P.S. I have left from last years collecting all the Water Thrush & Ovenbirds that I received for the party in whom I let have the other nests. I have kept them long enough if you can use them without the nests at Reduced rates I will be pleased to let you have them. The nests have been destroyed as they take up too much room in our house.

Water Thrush 7/4 + 1/5. Ovenbird 8/5 + 3/4

Watrous - Clarence H.
Feb. 27, 1875,

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Chester, Connecticut, Nov 11. 1895

Mr William Brewster

Dear Sir

I send You my list of eggs that I have collected myself and are my private collection and selected sets from the many nests that I have found. they are very complete and beautiful and I know if You see them You will never let them come back. I have very beautiful nests with them, and most of them are original. what sets may I send You. I will gladly take back any that You dont want. I would like to have You see them. I dont want to dispose of them. but I have no home of my own and they hang heavy upon me. I have between three to four hundred Varietys. I will be pleased to go off collecting in the Spring for You. that is just what I have been wishing to do for some time. I thought perhaps You might be willing to do this. I feel safe to say I could do a big season work for You. what locality have You in mind of sending me. hoping to hear from You again

I remain Your Faithful

Clarence H. Watrous

Watrous — Clarence H.
Nov. 11, 1895

Chester Conn Mar 11th 75

Mr William Brewster

Dear Sir

Yours of [illegible] received also the [illegible] and thanks. I was entirely satisfied since the specimens were a good deal better than the [illegible]. I prefer to not send for the [illegible], the fact of it is I am selling off everything I have in the way of specimens. If you know of anybody who wants to buy a private collection have them address me and oblige. I have nearly 300 varieties and series of many of the commoner etc. I will have some nests & skins for you later.

Hastily Yours Truly

[illegible]

Watrous – Clarence H.

Mar 11, 1895;

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Chester, Connecticut, June 26. 1895

Mr William Brewster
Cambridge Mass
Dear Sir

Your note received. I enclose a list of all the sets with nests and surroundings that I have taken this season the series of Water Thrush & Oven bird are very beautiful and one of the handsomest sets of Whip-poor-will I ever saw. I did not find the Hummers as common as usual only took one set. the Nashville Warbler is new to my collection and many others I desire but if You can use the lot for cash I would like it very much as I am very desirous of obtaining a Bicycle for these eggs. I have collected these sets & nests for You and have taken a great deal of pains to preserve the nests. may I send You the lot at once let me know and oblige

Hastily Yours Truly

Clarence H. Watrous

PS

The set of Parula Warbler has three eggs the size of Hummers eggs.

Watrous- Clarence H.
June 26. 1895.

Lou. Water Thrush 2 sets of 6. 5 of 5. 5 of 4. 1 of 3.
Ovenbird 11 sets of 5. 5 sets of 4. two containing Cowbird
Black & White Warbler 1 set of 5. 2 of 4. 1 of 3.
30 Prairie Warbler 2 sets of 5. 8 of 4. 2 of 3.
Chestnut sided. 2 of 4. 4 of 3.
Maryland Yellow throat. 2 sets of 5.
Nashville Warbler 1 set of 5.
Worm eating 7 1 set of 5.
Pine Warbler 1 of 4.
Whip poor will 2 of 2.
Chickadee 1 set of 8 nest with stump
Sharp tail Sparrow 14 sets of 5. 9 of 4.
Seaside Sparrow 3 of 5. 8 of 4

sets without nests
Red-tailed Hawk. 1 of 2.
Spotted Sandpiper 6 of 4

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nests are numbered on tag out side of nest to correspond with sets please excuse hasty package

C. H. W.

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Chester, Connecticut, July 1st 1895.

Mr William Brewster
Dear Sir

Your letter of the 28th received Saturday afternoon. I send this morning by first express the nests & eggs that You want allow me to add to the list one set of 5 Prairie Warbler that I forgot to list. I also send all the Cowbirds Sharp tail & Seaside Sparrows that are complete. that I have a number of the nests of the Seasides are at Grove Beach [illegible] I can not send them all with this lot. but if You wish any of the sets to correspond with those nests I will send them to You at once. My neighbor Mr Henry Burrell brought in to me the set of Red tail Hawk 1/2. 1 set of Prairie Warbler marked 4/4 and set of Black & White Warbler marked 2/4 they are all correct I prepared both nests & eggs. if You don't care for these I will be pleased to receive them. one set of Spotted Sandpiper was ruined I put in a set taken some time ago and I have six others if You want. Please don't return any of the nests as I have not the room for them. I asked in my first letter if You would send me the size and style of the data do You want regular data blanks or in letter form and I will copy them from my note book as soon as possible. Hastily Yours Truly

Clarence H. Watrous.

Watrous – Clarence H.
July 1, 1895.

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Chester, Connecticut, July 30 1897.

Mr William Brewster

Dear Sir

I send to day the remaining nests which belong to You. two or three of the Sparrows nests have ben destroyed. but I have sent other nests of the same kind and hope You can use them I notice a little mistake in Your figures but I am well satisfied and think You have given me a good price except thanks and let me know if the dollars and everything is all right and oblige

Yours C. H. Watrous

Watrous - Clarence H.
July 30, 1895.

Chester Conn Oct 21th 95.

Mr William Brewster

Dear Sir

I was at Your place in Cambridge Oct 12th and was very dissapointed not to meet You but nevertheless I saw many of Your birds and eggs

I would like to work for You very much in the museum and also collecting I am deeply interested in Natural science and like the work very much and would labor for You at Your figures if at any time You can give me a chance let me know I started out to be a Naturalist as You learned of J N Clark but thought I could learn more in the field. if You care to see any of My work I have several fine skins such as Sharpshinned Hawk 2. Hermit Thrush Myrtle Warbler Ect.

I am about to dispose of My collection which contains many fine sets of Hawks + Owls if You care to purchase any of them I will send You a list later. can I collect any thing for You the comeing spring let me know and oblige.

Clarence H Watrous

Watrous - Clarence H.
Oct. 21, 1895.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible]

[illegible] today the copy of [illegible] for [illegible] I did not [illegible] [illegible] with two of the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] is [illegible] postage [illegible] very [illegible] [illegible] one [illegible] out of the [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] if [illegible] [illegible] I had [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] him and allow me to send you a list of set of my collection from well known collectors. I [illegible] this would [illegible] from any [illegible] that you [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours Truly

sets with nests

Chimney Swift 1/3
Ruby-thr Hummingbird 1/2
Wood Pewee 1/3 2/2
Least Flycatcher 1/4
Orchard Oriole 1/5 2/5
Baltimore " 1/5 1/4 2/4
Red-eyed Vireo 1/4
Yellow-throated 1/4
White-eyed 1/5 1/4
Black & White Warbler 1/5
Worm-eating " 1/5
Blue-winged " 1/4 ~~without nest~~ with nest
Parula " 1/4 with nest
Yellow " 1/5 2/4 3/4 4/4
Chestnut-sided 1/5
Prairie " 1/5
Lou. Water Thrush 1/6
Mary. Yellow Throat 1/5
Hooded Warbler 1/4
Amer. Redstart 1/4

If you think me an opportunist
it might then account for it. Please
[illegible] the last [illegible] the [illegible]
to [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
W. B.

Red tailed Hawk 1/4
Red shouldered Hawk 1/4
Cooper Hawk 1/5
Sharp shinned Hawk 1/5
Marsh Hawk 1/4
? Broad winged Hawk 1/3
? Barred Owl 1/3
Virginia Rail 1/11
Ruffed Grouse 1/14
" " 1/2 albinos
~~Yellow B Cuckoo 2 of 3. 3 of 2~~
~~? Flicker 3 of 3. 4 of 2~~
? Belted Kingfisher 1/7
Downy Woodpecker 1/5 2/5
Whip-poor-will 1/2 ~~White-bellied Swallow 1/5~~
Nighthawk 1/2
Chickadee 1/8 1/7
Virginia Rail 1/10 John B. Clark collector
Long-eared Owl 1/3 " "

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Cooper Book [illegible]

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[illegible]	"	1/3		[illegible]
[illegible]	"	1/4	[illegible]	
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[illegible]	"	1/3		[illegible]
[illegible]		1/7		74
Griffed Crane		1/10 1/10		2.20
Virginia Reed		1/11 1/10	[illegible]	2.34
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Watrous_ Clarence H.
Dec. 20, 1895.

Watrous - C. H.,
March 4th. 1896.

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Mr. William [illegible]

Dear Sir

Yours of the [illegible] [illegible] for the coming months you have [illegible] but I am afraid I cannot collect enough in the [illegible] in april to [illegible] I have never taken any [illegible] of Hawks in one season and [illegible] [illegible] of this [illegible] [illegible] June. [illegible] earliest date for [illegible] Hawk is april 16th R S Hawk april 22th and the earliest I have ever found a Bard Owl was april 12th but I have a good light wheel and when I devote my whole time to collecting will cover over nearly all of southern [illegible] [illegible] quite sure of collecting twenty or twenty five sets of Hawks two or three sets of Owls and I feel safe to say I can take three or four sets of Woodcock if You care for them. I have never looked for them much but have accidentally stumbled on to several of them they breed very early here in april but are very rare birds here and hard to find. there was a

time when I could [illegible]
here in this town but the choppers have cut
the woods nearly all off. in New London County
about four fifteen miles from me they tell me [illegible]
breed quite common there what Rawson has
met with them so successfully so I will be
[illegible] for that region. I have not looked
for the Hawks much in the past two years
don't know what I can do, but I can take
all the Hawks there is in this section in the
last week of April. if the place you have
in mind is in Conn I could take all
the Hawks there and then spin home on
my wheel and take what there is in this
County [illegible] New London as well. I would
not [illegible] if I did not get a good
lot of [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] I will be pleased to
go with you to the loc[illegible] you have
mentioned and do the climbing and any other
work in the egg line. I understand a small
boat very well, I have the best of climbers
[illegible]

4 Mar

[illegible]
[illegible] hard [illegible] most [illegible] to [illegible]
I have sold many pair of climbing
irons and drills of my own manufacture
I am used to what you call roughing
it, & anticipate a good time as well.
and I think you have offered me a good
one, thanks. I will be willing to collect
here in this section of conn for April or in
some other locality just as you think best
or both. please let me know what I will
need to take on my Northern trip

Hastily Yours Very truly

C H [illegible]

Ovations - Clarence H.
May 21st 1896.

[illegible] May 21st

Mr William Brewster
Dear Sir

Yours of May 1st [illegible] I was much pleased to hear from you [illegible] with you [illegible] my life. I have everything ready [illegible] Cambridge [illegible] about noon I think. I would like [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Watrous – C. H.
June 22, 97.

Chester Conn June 22. 97

Dear Mr Brewster

I have sent you to day by express. Osprey 24/3 6/4 & 2/2. Red-shouldered Hawk 1/5. 5/4 0/3 & 1/3. Red-tail 3/2. Cooper 1/4. Sharp-shinned 1/5 & 1/4. Whippoorwill 1/2. My Brother collected for me two sets of Sharp-shinned Hawk one of the finest sets I have ever seen. and one set of Whip-poor-wi one egg slightly damaged. You may give what its worth to you. do you care to have me get you the nest & stub with this set of five Sharp shin. its quite handy to get?

Your Very Truly
C H Watrous

Chester Conn Aug 2th 1897

Dear Mr Brewster

The Check for eggs was received thanks. in regards to Fish Hawks at 1/2 of list rates of coarse will be all right as I collected them purposely for You. and I know of no one who will pay as much as You do. but if I had know that You did not care to pay the same as for the other hawks I would not of hired the Yacht and a man to go after them as I will hardly get out of it whole. I wrote to You in particularly about the Fish Hawks and You said You most surely wanted to get some I took it for granted that You were willing to pay the same as for other Hawks. however give me just what you are willing to give I am sure it will be all right with me. I think I was a little hasty in hiring the yacht and going after them as I did. I dont understand why the sets are so mixed up. as I took a good deal of pains with them and all of the incomplete sets were given to the captain. the most marked set of Red-tails was the one I bought of Mr Behren.

Yours Very Truly
C H Watrous.

Watrous – C. H.
Aug. 2. 97.

Chester Conn Aug 24. 1897

Dear Mr Brewster

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Your letter of the 21st to hand: and in reply will say that one half rates will be very acseptable to me. but should naturally feel that they would be worth as much as the common eggs you bought of me two years ago at 2/3 rates.
I wish you would use your own judgment in this. as I stated in my last letter that I collected them for you and what prise is satisfactory to you will be satisfactory to me. send me the $21. and I can assure you I will be satisfied.
the Broadwings came out fine and I wish to tell you that the washing soda is a miserable hum bug

and I believe now that such eggs
can only be blowed by rotting,
I blew this set six weeks after I
collected them. I will see my friend
in a few days
who has those Red-tails and will
send them all together. if I do any
more collecting will let you have
first chance at them.

Yours Very Truly
C. H. Hanson

Watrous — C. H.
Aug. 24, 1897.

Chester Conn Oct 17. 1897

Dear Mr Brewster

Your last letter and postal order was duly recd: I didnt expect anything for blowing those eggs it was part of my work at the Lake left undone. and I wish to thank you for the same.

Mr Behrens the young man who I got the Red-tails of wishes me to ask you if you care to buy his collection or such sets as you care for. He has one fine set of Broad-wings one or two sets of Red-tail & Red-shoulders. Whip-poor-wills several sets of Hummers with nests and many common kinds. all nicely prepared and I will guarantee them to be all right.

if you wish I will have him
make out a list of all he has
and will send it to you.
hope you had a good time at the
Lake. am very sorry to hear that you
have to go about on crutches
and will be pleased to learn
that you are wel again

Yours Truly

C. H. Watrous.

Watrous C. H.
Oct. 17-1897.

Chester Conn June 2. 1888

Dear Mr Brewster

Your letter rec'd

I cant promise you just at present to go to the Lake. I would like to go very much, but dont feel as if I had ought to loose a good job for only a month or so at the Lake and too I had rather collect at list price and if it rains every day you would not be at any expense. do you care to know for sure now.

I believe I could get you some fine pictures of Hawks nests + eggs it would be a good deal of a task and lots of hard climbing but I believe I could do it. I have a friend with me now who understands the business so I could send the plates to You for development

Watrous – C. H.
Mar. 2. 1898.

2 Mar. [illegible]

what would you be willing to give for good pictures of Thrushes nests showing nest & eggs also for nest & bird. of course I would not expect anything unless I got good negatives

Very Truly Yours
C.H. Watrous

the young man I spoke about last fall having the eggs dont incline to send them to you, but he promised me you could have them. I will see him again.

Watrous — C. H.
Mar. 8. 1898.

Chester Conn Mar 8. 1898

Dear Mr Brewster

It will be entirely satisfactory to me to go to the Lake on the old terms, but it will depend on my business about going but wish you would let me know when you are sure of going. You spoke about spending this season with me now I wish you would there is ten times as many Ground building birds here as there is in Maine and fine subjects to photograph the light is much better here then at the Lake. we have an absolutely dark cellar where you could develop night or day

I can tell you on paper just what we could do, how many nests etc if you care to know

Very Truly
C H Watrous

Chester Conn Mar 23, 1898

Dear Mr Brewster

I have at last got Mr Behrens list of his collection I enclose copy of same. He has several sets with warblers and the Hummers but are mixed up. please let me know what you want, and how much you will pay? and I will try and get them for you. I will guarantee them to be O.K with good data.

Very Truly Yours
C. H. Watrous

Night Hawk 1/2
Maryland Yellow throat 1/4
Purple Martin 1/5
Chimney Swift - 1/5 1/4
B & White Warbler 1/5
Baltimore Oriole 3 of 5 & 3 of 4
Scarlet Tanager 5 of 4
Red-eyed Vireo 10 of 4
Downy Woodpecker 1/6 & 1/5
Least Flycatcher 2 of 4
Ruby-throated Humming bird 9 of 2
with nests mixed
Parula Warbler 4 of 4 & 2 of 3
Am Redstart - 3 of 4
Prairie Warbler 4 of 4
Cedar Waxwing 1/5 & 1/4
Yellow-throated Vireo 1/4
Hooded Warbler 1/4 & 3 of 3 with nests
Red-sh Hawk 1/3
Red tail Hawk 3 of 2
Broad-wing Hawk 1/2

Crow 4 of 5 & 3 of 4
Kingfisher 1/5
Chickadee 1/7
White eyed Vireo 1/4
Bob White 1/4
Whip-poor-will 1/2
Yellow-breasted Chat - 5 of 4.

Watrous, O. H.
Mar. 23, 1898.

Chester Conn April 30. '98

Dear Mr Brewster

All right about the Lake trip for this season, I hope I may go with you another year. I have taken two fine sets of Red-tails 2/2. Barred Owl 1/1. Red-shouldered 2/3 & 1/4. one of the handsomest sets of three that I have ever taken. I am going to try and get you some Broad-wings Sharp-shinned Hawks. Whip-poor-will etc. do you want sets of Worm-eating - Black & White - Prairie. Parula. & Hooded Warblers I may be able to collect you a few sets of each. I have a fine pair of skins of Saw-whet-Owls. my own taking do you care for them?

Very Truly

C. H. Watrous

Watrous – C. H.
April 30. 1898.

Chester Conn June 2. 98

Dear Mr Brewster

I have collected a few sets of eggs such as you want. two Sharp-shinned Hawks one Worm-eating Warbler three elegant sets of Whip-poor-wills. I will send them later.

I also have take twelve of the finest sets of Water Thrush I have ever seen. do you think there would be any in the lot you would care to select at your old price? they are mostly sets of six and I have all the nests in good shape. I would be pleased to send you the lot and you may return the bal to me. You may have the lot at half price. I got disappointed in securing my camera. the one I had in mind was not suitable

2 Jun 98

I wanted one bad when I found those Whippoorwill.
I have found a Winter Wren nest, sure, but dont get any eggs. nest built the same as those I found near Your camp
I have heard their notes this Spring something I never heard before in Connecticut — is the find worth recording

Very Truly

C. H. Watrous.

→ Sharpshinned Hawk	1/5 & 2/4
→ Red-tail "	2/2
→ Red-shouldered "	1/4 & 1/3
→ Barred Owl	1/1
→ Whippoorwill	5/2
→ Water Thrush	7/5 & 6/6
→ Hooded Warbler	2/2
→ Wormeating Warbler	1/4
→ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2/4 ?
→ Scarlet Tanager	3/4
→ Least Flycatcher	2/4
→ Great-crested Flycatcher	4/6 & 1/5
→ Ovenbird	1/5
→ Towhee	1/4 1 nest
→ Spotted Sandpiper	12/4
→ Skins of Sawwhet Owl	3

Nest Winter Wren

Eggs }
Nest } Received June 25-1898
at the Museum

Watrous, C. H.
June 2, 1898.

Chester Conn June 16. 98

Dear Mr Brewster

Your letter of the 10th is received. I enclose list of the eggs I have collected. I would be pleased to send you any or all for selection, and you may return the bal to me.

I think I have collected the finest lot of Whip-poor-wills ever taken in one season in this section.

a fine lot of 12 sets of Spotted Sandpipers showing a big variation of nests and eggs. I also have selected a dozen sets of Sharptail Sparrows from nearly a hundred nests that I found all sets of 5 with nests Can you see them and pay me what you like I collected them while looking for the Black Rail on our salt marshes, but failed to find (Porzana Jamaicensis) I have found two nests one season during my early collecting.

I spoke about the Water Thrushes because they are an unusually fine and rare lot. I want to tell you something about them. found one nest on a sloping ledge eight feet up.

nest hidden by overhanging ferns.
afterwards took another set by the
same birds higher up on a ledge near
by.

found one under a large sloping
ledge in heavy timber land.
another in heavy woods in bank of
an old cart road far from water.
and one I believe contained a bushel
of material.

I would be pleased to have you
publish the account of the Winter Wren.
I will send you the nest with notes
for inspection. You may have the
nest if you are very particular
for it. if not I would like to
keep it. I dont care for any
money for it. I will try and get
the eggs to you by the first of
next week. please let me know as
soon as convenient to you what
you would like to see from my list

Very Truly
Watrous.

Watrous – C. H.
June 16. 98,

Chester Conn June 24.98

Dear Mr Brewster

I send you to day the eggs. I hardly know what to do about the Water Thrusher and I suppose to send you about everything and let you pick out what you want and return the bal to me. My Hooded Warbler are somewhat different from a lot Judge Clark has, and I have put these in also. and one set of Ovenbird I think you will want. please return everything you dont care for.

I dont care about the nests of Water Thrush. Sandpipers or Ovenbird you need not return any of these. You may have the Winter Wren nest if you care for it.

I want to tell you about Sharp-shinned Hawk 1/4 one of my neighbors brought it in and afterwards I understand they got more eggs out of the nest which I have not been able to get. whether the set was not complete or whether a second set I cannot say. do as you like about keeping them, I will have to give $1. per egg to get them.

Very Truly
J Fratour.

Watrous, C. H.
June 24, 1898

Cheque for $25. on account sent July 8th 98.

Chester Conn July 2. 98

Dear Mr Brewster

Mr Deans letter to hand in regards to those eggs I would like to get Lattins list rates for the Hawks. Whip-poor-wills. Scarlet Tanager. Grosbeak. Crested Flycatcher. & Wormeating Warbler. as to Hooded Warbler & Water Thrushes pay me just what you are willing to pay 1/3 or 1/2 rates for the lot or a few sets will be satisfactory to me.

as to the nests pay me what you like. only I am in a great hurry for some money if you cant settle up the whole business I wish you would send me part now I am hard pushed

do you care for a few sets
of Connecticut coast taken
White crowned Night Herons?
one of my friends have taken
several sets this season.
the missing sets of Sandpiper
have been destroyed by blowing

Very Truly, Watrous

eggs sent you are

Sharpshinned Hawk	1/5 + 2/4		
Red-shouldered "	1/4	1/3	
Red-tail "	2/2		
Barred Owl	1/1		
Whip-poor-will	5/2		nests
Worm-eating Warbler	1/5		"
Hooded "	2/4		"
Ovenbird	1/5		"
Least Flycatcher	2/4		"
Grosbeak	2/4		"
Tanager	3/4		"
Crested Flycatcher	4/6	1/5	"
Sandpiper	12/4		"
Water Thrush	7/5 + 6/6		"
Chewink	1/4		"

3 skins of Saw-whet Owls.

Watrous – C. H.
july 2, 1898.

Chester Conn July 12.98

Dear Mr Brewster

Check received thanks. in regards to prices on eggs. I supposed of course you were willing to pay your old prices. this year as before your own offer to allow full list rates at least you said for such as you especially wanted the Hawks. Owls. Whippoorwill(s) this is the reason I never set any price on my eggs. I supposed of course you wanted to pay the same as ever on those nice eggs and as much as you gave me Behrens. I never asked you only one half rates for those Whip-poor-wills last year and you gave me full list value. however do as you think best. and I will be pleased to take back any of those eggs I sent you

Very Truly
Behrens

Watrous – C. H.
July 12, 1898.

Chester Conn July 25.98

Dear Mr Brewster

Chest'd and eggs returned to hand O.K. thanks all satisfactory to me.

I don't care for the other nests. was the nest of Brewer typical?

I think I will be able to get you a set of Bluewinged Warbler of Judge Clark but can't say for sure now I will write you later.

If you know of anyone who wants to buy Indian relics please refer me to them I have a very fine collection of about 1000 specimens many very rare of my own collecting

Very Truly
G. Adams

Watrous - C. H.
July 25, 1898

Chester Conn June 20. 99

Dear Mr Brewster

I have been working at Paper Box making for nearly a year. have not had time to collect much have taken a few nice sets of Osprey here in New London County. Broad-wing 2 of 3 Sharp-shined 1/4 Whippoor-will 1/2. Worm eating Warbler 1/5. Blue-winged 2 of 5. Prairie 4 of 4 Tanager 1/4. Crested Flycatcher 2 of 5 Towhee 4 [illegible] Spotted Sandpiper 10 of 4 do you want them?
I think I can get you three sets of Barred Owl taken by one of my friends

Very Truly
C. H Watrous

did you go to the Lake this year?

Watrous – C. H.
June 20. 99

Watrous, C. H.
June 23, 1899.

Chester Conn June 23.99

Dear Mr Brewster

All right I will send you the eggs you want. I want full rates for the Hawks. the others you may pay me what you are willing.

I have 2 sets of the best marked Red sholdered Hawks I have ever taken also 7 sets of 3 Ospreys & 1/4 if you would like to see the lot to pick out one or more sets of the Ospreys or Sandpipers I will be pleased to send them along.

I have only one nest with Blue-wing the other was destroyed.

I took the remainder of the Behrens collection there is one fine set of 5 Blue-wing in that collection also 2 fine sets of Downy Woodpecker 1/3 & 1/6 do you care for them at 1/2 price

I have one set of Whip poor will
I am sure you will want.
if you ever go to the Lake or else where
collecting again I wish you would
give me the chance to go though
dont know as I can

Very Truly
C. H. Watrous

let me know about nests &c and
I will send the eggs at once

Chester Conn June 29.99

Dear Mr Brewster

I send you to-day by express
Broad-wing Hawk 2 of 3
Sharp-shinned " 1/4
Whip-poor will 1/2
Blue wing Warbler 1/5
Worm eating " 1/5
Crested Flycatcher 2 of 5
the Wormeating Warbler has one egg slightly damaged in nest.
I think it worth 1/2 list rates

Very Truly
Watrous

do you want the other set of Blue-wing without the nest? I can get a good nest but not the one found with the eggs

Watrous — C. H.
June 29. 99.

Chester Conn July 4. 1899

Dear Mr Brewster

Sharp-shinned Hawks are in great demand at $1. each and this is not enough. I have lately been offered $5. each in exchange and my own price for them. I want $1. per egg for the Whip-poor-will $2. for the set with nest.

Can you use the two sets of Blue-wing without nests at 1/2 rate one is a very unique set only two eggs spotted one others are pure white

Yes I want the nest with the Whippoorwill if you return it

Very Truly
C. H. Watrous

Send the 2 sets of Blue-winged. We don't want anything else. W. B.

I also have three fine sets of
Night-hawks 0/2 and two sets of
Coopers Hawk that were not blown
at the time I gave you my list—
all are O.K. now the first good
sets of Nighthawks I have ever
taken I want $2 per set with nests.
and $2.50 each for the Coopers
one set quite nicely spotted
the other set has one small egg
size of a Flicker egg.
I am going to send you a
sample of my Cedar egg boxes
that are to contain my collection.
glass top and one side, showing
top and side of nest

Watrous C. H.
July 4. 99.

Chester Conn July 27. 1899

Dear Mr Brewster

All right I will get the Blue wings with nests and send to your Cambridge address. It may be ten days or two weeks in getting them.

I have been paid for all except the two sets of Blue wing at 1/2 rate but it is settled you got the others. the eggs returned received and all right.

Very Truly
C. H. [illegible]

Many thanks for remitting and returning the eggs prepaid

Watrous, O. H.
July 27, 1899.

Chester Conn Sept 1. 97

Dear Mr Brewster

I know that you [illegible] by ~~mail~~ the [illegible] set of Blue-wing Warblers collected by Judge Clark. the set of Blue-wing I sent you some time ago from the Behrens collection that is numbered wrong is a mistake of his I have noticed several times some such mistake. I know the set to be genuine as I remember well the time and all about it. if you want the set and care to return it I will have him number it right or return the set direct to him. the data [illegible] for Blue-wing and the set is [illegible]

Very Truly
C. H. Brown.

the Judge tells me that he
found several sets of Yellow bellied
Flycatcher while with Spalding
at Lancaster N.H. two seasons ago.
found them in [illegible] the clumps
and I think I saw that those old
nest and the one with broken egg
shell in it — that I found
near [illegible] [illegible] were
this species.

It may also be of interest to
you to know that we have
found here the White-throated
[illegible] [illegible] nest & eggs,
he believes it to be a distinct
[illegible] from the so called [illegible]
a [illegible] of [illegible] He found
it sitting on a set of 4 eggs.
nest and eggs. Spied a Blue-wing

C.O.L.

Watrous, O. H.

~~July~~ Sept. 1, 1899.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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Wm Brewster.
145 Brattle St.
Cambridge.
Mass.

Watkins, C. H.
Nov. 29/11/96

Chester Conn Nov 29.99

Mr Wm Brewster

The eggs went forth to day by express I am out of datas now. but they will follow in a few days I copy them from my notes as I dispose of them

Very Truly

C. H. Watrous.

Chester Conn June 12th 1900

Dear Mr Brewster

I have taken five sets of Blue-winged Warbler 3/5 & 2/4 with nests do you want them at old prices. I also have a few fine sets of Lou Water Thrush do you want them at 1/2 rates? have ten sets of each Sharp-tail & Seaside Sparrows at 1/2 rates.

Very Truly
C. H. Watrous.

over

Watkins, C. H.

June 12, 1900

Chester Conn June 23. 1900

Dear Mr Brewster

Your favor to hand all right will send along Blue wing o/s as soon as I can find time to pack them. the sets of yours are fine ones and complete.

Can you use two or three more sets taken by my friend in Bridgeport they are fine authentic sets. I have ten elegant sets of Night hawks but dont care to take less than $1. per set. over

Yours Truly C. H. Watrous

Watrous, C. H.
June 23, 1900

Chester Conn June 10. 1900

Dear Mr Brewster [July]

I send you to day by express Blue-winged Warblers 3/5 with nests data herewith. the price you made me at first was 2/3 at with nests at price per egg however $5: per set is sufficient

Very Truly Yours

C. H. Watrous.

Watrous, C. H.
July 10, 1900

Watrous, C. H.
Aug. 6, 1900.

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Mr Walter Deane.
145 Brattle Street.
Cambridge
Mass.

Chester Conn Aug 6. 19

Mr Walter Deane

Dear Sir

Your favor of Aug 4. to hand 2/3 water with nests thrown in is sufficient for Blue-wing as I stated in my last letter

Yours Truly

C. H. Watrous.

Watrous, A. H.
Aug, 10, 1900

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JEFFERSON

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CONN.

Mr Walter Deane
145 Brattle Street.
Cambridge.
Mass.

Chester, Conn Aug 10.

Mr Deane

Check to hand
for Blue wings
3/4: — thanks

C. H. Patine.

C. H. WATROUS,

MANUFACTURER OF

PAPER BOXES.

Chester, Conn., August 30 1902

Mr Brewster

I have a few very fine sets of eggs. selected from large series. all my collecting except Fish Crow & Scarlet Ibis which are direct from the collector You undoubtedly know that the set of Carolina Wren was taken here last July 1901. first in New England I think. do you want the Collection?, and what will you be willing to give for the lot.

Very Truly
C. H. Watrous

Watrous – C. H.
Aug. 30, 1902.

C. H. WATROUS,

MANUFACTURER OF

PAPER BOXES.

Chester, Conn. Sept 6 1902

Mr Brewster

Your letter to hand:

I dont hardley want to part with the Wrens. singly.. several have been after them. I am holding the Collection for $50.00 I may be a little high but they are worth that figure to collect. and they are worth it to me.

Yes go ahead and record them. Judge Clark wrote them up He was with me when collected. it seems strange to me that they should be Constant Summer and Winter residents in our yard for the past fifteen years. they were found with young several years ago in a brush heap near where the set was collected. Yours C. H. W.

[illegible] June [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Very Truly

J. A. [illegible]

I have not [illegible] [illegible] on hand [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] printed [illegible]

ack. Watrous — C. H.
July 12, 99.

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JEFFERSON

Watrous. C.H.
Aug. 5, 1899.

Mr Walter Deane
Dover
Maine

Chester Conn Aug 8.99

Mr Walter Deane
Dover Maine

Dear Sir

I sent you two sets of five Blue-wing Warbler. I cant see whare the mistake is unless through a mistake they have bin nummbered wrong. as the Data calls for Blue-wing and they are a tipical set. please hold them untill Mr Brewster answer

Very Truly
C. H. Watrous.

Watrous - C. H.
Oct. 7. 99.

POSTAL CARD - ONE CENT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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BOSTON

CAMBRIDGE
STATION

CONN.
PM

JEFFERSON

Mr Walter Deane
145 Brattle Street
Cambridge
Mass

Chester Conn Oct 7.99

Mr Walter Deane

Dear Sir

I have ben paid for all except the two sets of Blue V. 2 of 5 at 1/2 rates.

and the two sets of Judge Clarks collecting 1/4 & 1/4 at 2/3 rates

Very Truly

C. H. Watrous

Watrous, C. H.
Oct. 25, 1899.

Chester Conn Oct 25. 1899

Mr Walter Dean

Dear Sir

I dont see how I made such a foolish mistake on the datas. but I only took two sets this year and I rember well that I did not take the nest with the first set.
I have fixed the data right. judge from the hights of cavities

Very Truly

C. H. Watrous

[→ over.]

145 BRATTLE STREET,
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Oct. 24, 1899.

My dear Mr. Matrous,

The set mark on one of the enclosed labels should be 2/5. One set of eggs heavily marked has 99 1/5 on each egg. The other set, a very light set is marked 99 2/5. The nest that you sent is marked Crested Flycatcher 2/5, 1899.

This data will doubtless enable you to make the correction.

Please at your convenience reply and return the labels.

Very truly yrs.

Walter Deane.

Mr. Brewster's label says "Nest and set" &c so it is doubtless that label that is to be changed, but we often have these labels sent us with the word Nest not crossed off, & yet no nest sent, so I am not sure—

Chester Conn Nove 17. 99

Mr Walter Deane

Dear Sir

I wish you would ask Mr Brewster when he arrives if he cares for the eggs on enclose sheet even at 1/2 list rates

Very Truly

C. H. Watrous

Prairie Warbler 2 of 4. nests
Chestnut-sided " 6 of 4 "
Scarlet Tanager 1/4 25¢ " 11 + 1 set
Chewink Towhee 4 of 4 10¢ " 15 sets + 1
Whip-poor-will 1/2 "

Am Crow 6 of 5 & 4 of 4
Blue Jay 6 of 5 2 of 4
Oven bird 2 of 5
Spotted Sandpiper 6 of 4
Wood Thrush 6 of 4
Downy Woodpecker 2 of 6 20¢ 13 sets 2 fm W.
Ruby throated Hummingbird 3 of 2
Water Thrush 6 of 6 5 of 5

Watrous, C. H.
Nov. 17, 1899

Chester Conn Dec 4.99

Mr Walter Deane

Dear Sir

When I gave you my list I wrote it out from memory and when I come to pack the eggs I saw the mistake. one data appear to have ben changed but Mr Behrens was here Sunday the 26th. last and says they ar O.K. in every way.

the set of Towhee marked 2/2 is my mistake in marking but it should be 2/4 instead as I never take incomplete sets of the common kinds.

Very Truly

C.H. Watrous

the two sets of Downy Woodpecker 1/6 & 1/5 is all I have

I sent the nests as gratis

Watrous, C. H.
Dec. 4, 1899,